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BALTIMORE COCAINE DEALER SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS IN PRISON

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr., sentenced Barry Henderson, also known as "Mook," age 30, of Baltimore, today to 188 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute cocaine, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Quarles enhanced Henderson's sentence upon finding that he was a career criminal based on three previous convictions for narcotics distribution and possession of a handgun.

According to his guilty plea, on October 2, 2007, law enforcement officers saw Henderson walking in the middle of the street at night in a high crime area of 1300 E. Lanvale Street. As officers approached, Henderson turned around and walked in the opposite direction, clutching a plastic bag that he pulled close to his body. Officers asked Henderson for his identification and for safety reasons did a pat down search of Henderson. Once the officers began the search, they immediately felt a ball of cocaine and the outer shell of a digital scale. Henderson was arrested and a search recovered 27.64 grams of cocaine, \$3,197, the drug scale and drug packaging material.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Attorney Kwame J. Manley, who prosecuted the case.